

# Two charged with operating meth lab

Plymouth residence site of arrests; pills, cash seized

Two people were arrested Tuesday in connection with a methamphetamine operation.

Officers from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, along with Bucyrus and Galion Police departments, METRICH Enforcement Unit, Huron County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation Clandestine Lab Unit served a search warrant at 8023 Ohio 3, Plymouth.

Items and chemicals used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine, along with methamphetamine, prescription pills, drug paraphernalia and an unspecified amount of cash were seized.

Nickolas T.B. Arrendondo, 24, and Miranda S. Burton, 19, both of 8023 Ohio 103, Plymouth, were arrested on charges of illegal possession or assembly of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs, a third-degree felony, and possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony.

"There has been a lot of focus on heroin, but I think meth is probably starting to come back," said Crawford County Sheriff Scott Kent.

A reason for the return of methamphetamine is that it can be manufactured in smaller venues.

"They don't need big places like we're used to seeing. They can make it in a pop bottle, so it's easier to conceal it," Kent said.

Additional charges are pending against both subjects. Arrendondo also has outstanding arrest warrants from numerous other jurisdictions. Arrendondo and Burton are being held in the Crawford County Jail pending a court appearance.

"This shows a great collaborative effort with local law enforcement to fight the drug situation," Kent said.

Originally published in the News Journal on April 16, 2014.